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(BEGIN TEXT) DEAR BILL: THE FASTNESSES OF ARABIA SEEM A PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE PLACE TO BE DURING THIS TRANSITION--THOUGH I CANNOT SAY I WOULD CARE TO CHANGE PLACES WITH YOU. I DID WANT TO WRITE BEFORE LEAVING OFFICE, THOUGH, TO TELL YOU HOW MUCH I APPRECIATED, FIRST OF ALL, THE PERSONAL SACRIFICE WHICH I KNOW WAS INVOLVED IN YOUR GOING TO SAUDI ARABIA; AND SECONDLY, THE TREMENDOUS CONTRIBUTION THAT YOU HAVE MADE TO THE CONDUCT OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY DURING MY YEARS IN WASHINGTON. IN SEOUL, IN PARIS AT THE VIETNAM PEACE TALKS, IN THE DEPARTMENT, IN CANADA, AND NOW IN WHAT HAS EMERGED AS THE ARAB COUNTRY PERHAPS MOST CRITICAL TO AMERICAN INTERESTS, YOUR CONDUCT AND YOUR
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INTEGRITY HAVE DEFINED PROFESSIONALISM. I HAVE VALUED YOUR INSIGHT, YOUR JUDGMENT, AND YOUR INDEPENDENCE--AS WELL AS YOUR ABILITY, TOTALLY FOREIGN TO ME, TO HOLD A SUCCESSION OF HIGH OFFICES WITHOUT ANY APPEARANCE OF EGO. NOT FOR THE FIRST TIME, YOU HAVE DONE YEOMAN SERVICE FOR YOUR COUNTRY. (END TEXT)
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